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## LA County Sheriff's Deputy Charged in Ticket-Fixing Bribery Case

A Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy was charged today for allegedly receiving bribes in exchange for fixing traffic tickets, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Edwin Allan Tamayo (dob 2/26/71) was charged in case BA425745 with six counts of conspiracy to obstruct justice, two counts of accepting a bribe and one count of preparing false documents. If convicted as charged, Tamayo faces up to nine years and eight months in state prison.

Tamayo, who is assigned to the Lost Hills Station, is accused of being compensated by friends or acquaintances for his alleged covert actions on at least two occasions. In one instance, Tamayo was paid at least \$1,000 by a driver to get rid of three tickets in 2012, prosecutors said.

Deputy District Attorney Deborah Delport of the Justice System Integrity Division said Tamayo managed to fix tickets by removing them before they were filed in court and took court notices from a colleague's office mailbox without the deputy's knowledge.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$190,000. Tamayo is scheduled to be arraigned on June 25.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.